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But thou wouldst not alone
Be saved, my father, alone
Conquer and come to thy goal,
Leaving the rest in the wild.
We were weary, and we
Fearful, and we in our march
Fain to drop down and die.
Still thou turnedst, and still
Gavest the weary thy hand.
If, in the paths of the world,
Stones may have wounded thy feet,
Toil or dejection have tried
Thy spirit, of that we saw
Nothing: to us thou wast still
Cheerful and helpful and firm.
Therefore to thee it was given
Many to save with thyself.
O faithful shepherd, to come
Bringing thy sheep in thy hand.

Matthew Arnold, Rugby Chapel.

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Many years ago in reviewing carefully my ministry, I was convinced of certain effective but many ineffective results. This practical inventory led me to consider the method, means, and value of relative activities. It was very clear to me that much public work had not yielded results equal to certain private and personal service, although the latter is more easily known and tabulated. It was also evident that the work of the preacher and pastor is not concluded in bringing men to Christ, but in inspiring and training them to become the winners of others.

In talking with colleagues in the ministry and gathering occasional evidence from varied churches I discovered that a great weakness in the Church exists in a lack of masculine spiritual leadership—the difficulty of finding strong men to fill spiritual offices and to lead in spiritual service—boards of trustees being more easily filled than elders' or deacons' boards, men more responsive to ushering or even to taking official duty than to taking a Sunday School su-

perintendency or class, or attending and participating audibly in the weekly prayer service. I also found men ready to relieve one in distress or assist materially in any emergency who seemed embarrassed and helpless when asked to assist or direct in things spiritual.

Since this actual condition has been realized, the effort has been made to remedy it by giving constant and faithful attention to individual Christians, not only pointing out the way of growth through exhortation and inspiration, but through instruction, example, and personal direction.

The community in which our church is placed has many thousands who are unreached and unattracted by any church. It has large numbers of youths of both sexes and many young families. Although there are many whose homes are permanent, even a larger number are transient and hence apt to scatter and drift farther from all moorings.

No pastor or force of professional assistants can hope successfully to reach such a field, but trained membership can, and young men and young women who are interested, in-

structed, and directed can see in such a neighborhood a vast storehouse of raw human material which may be made into finished product for God. Better still, such latent life may become energized and utilized to win and save itself with responsive, joyful life.

Organization has accomplished much, but the work and worker need divine inspiration and spiritual food as well, and the Word of God, prayer, and common sense must combine to make the work effective and permanent. This little handbook is thus sent out to assist in meeting that need, that the hundreds of young men and young women already won may become winners of others; and primarily that the half hundred young people now working on these Invitation Committees may have a ready reference in time of immediate need.

We have also felt that our need may be the need of others elsewhere, and cordially extend to you our comradeship.

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NOTES

One cannot use God's Word without studying it.

You cannot win others to Christ unless you believe in him and keep near him yourself.

He must work through you. "Apart from me ye can do nothing."

Prayer must be a reality and a power to you. "Ask, and ye shall receive."

Confidence in Christ's power must attend your effort. "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me."

Common sense means putting yourself in the other man's place.

Do not merely argue. Use the Word of God.

Do not do all the talking; win the confidence of the one for whom you are working and let him tell his story.

Do not be in haste. Remember, "God's delays are not denials." Work and wait. Be patient and persistent.

Pray with your man as well as for him. Don't be afraid of falling on your knees in the presence of another.

Get him to pray for himself.

Learn to pray anywhere and in any posture—in an office or an automobile, in a quiet spot on the street, standing, sitting, or kneeling, but always reverently.

Get individuals alone. Do not present the matter when another is present. (Exceptional cases may occur, as at times when talking with husband and wife.)

Study your case beforehand (when possible).

Do not approach your case with fear, but with prayer and faith. "It shall be given you . . . what ye shall speak."

Learn how by doing, and gain confidence through experience.

Remember you are not only Christ's representative but that God's Holy Spirit is working through you. The power is his.

Approach and do your work with a happy heart and with joy. Always show that "the joy of Jehovah is your strength."

Beware of the temptation to postpone. The Evil One prompts such suggestion. Many a man is never asked to give his heart to Christ be-

cause a good impulse is averted by indecision and the false plea of "a better time to speak."

If you fail, do not be discouraged, but determine to get nearer to God and to gain more power through your apparent failure. Write a good letter to the one you have failed to reach or failed to find after repeated calling. Many have been won by correspondence. He knows you are interested very definitely if you write.

Win back to service the Christian man who has lost interest, and lost touch with Christ and the Church.

Use this little handbook to help, but do not let it be a substitute for your Bible.

FIRST THOUGHTS

"Five minutes in the morning alone with Christ will change for us the whole day."

We talk about the questions of the hour. There is but one question—how to bring the truths of God's Word into vital contact with the mind and heart of all classes of people.

—Gladstone.

"When we love men for what we know Christ can make them, we shall go after them for him."

Use is the chief end of life, not gain. —Robert E. Speer.

God toward thee has done his part, do thine. —Milton.

An education which does not exercise the will is an education which depraves the soul. —Anatole France.

"To persuade one soul to lead a better life is to leave the world better than you found it."

To watch the corn grow, or the blossoms set, to draw hard breath over plowshare or spade, to read, to think, to love, to pray, are the things that make men happy. —John Ruskin.

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control—

These three alone lead life to sovereign power. —Tennyson.

My strength is as the strength of ten,
Because my heart is pure. —Tennyson.

Every need is a call to prayer.
Every anxiety is a call to prayer.
Every temptation is a call to prayer.
Every vision of the world's unsolvable problem is a call to prayer.

—James H. McConkey.

Observe what direction your thoughts and feelings most readily take when you are alone, and you will then form a tolerably correct opinion of your real self.

—The Household.

Beware in your prayer, above everything, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what he can do. Expect unexpected things, "above all that we ask or think."

—Andrew Murray.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

—Julia Ward Howe.

Let us advance on our knees.

—Neesima.

The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

—Longfellow.

Every man must stand as an unwearied sentinel over his soul. To falter or fail in this duty exposes his spiritual life to infinite peril. There is no guarantee of safety in his environment, in his calling or in his purpose of life. It was in heaven that Satan fell. Eternal vigilance is the price of spiritual life, liberty, power.

—President Stewart.

Bonar best expresses the spirit which should possess us all:

Time worketh; let me work, too.
Time undoeth; let me do.
Busy as time my work I ply
Till I rest in the rest of eternity.

Sin worketh; let me work, too.
Sin undoeth; let me do.
Busy as sin my work I ply
Till I rest in the rest of eternity.

Death worketh; let me work, too.
Death undoeth; let me do.

Busy as death my work I ply
Till I rest in the rest of eternity.

Come ye . . . apart. —Mark 6:31.

"Have you and I to-day
Stood silent as with Christ, apart
from joy or fray
Of life, to see by faith his face;
To look, if but a moment, at its
grace,
And grow by brief companionship,
more true,
More nerved to lead, to dare to do
For him at any cost? Have we to-day
Found time, in thought, our hand to
lay
In his, and thus compare
His will with ours, and wear
The impress of his wish? Be sure
Such contact will endure
Throughout the day; will help us
walk erect
Through storm and flood; detect
Within the hidden life sin's dross, its
stain;
Revive a thought of love for him
again;
Steady the steps which waver; help
us see
The footpath meant for you and me."

THE NECESSITY OF BIBLE STUDY FOR EFFICIENCY AND NORMAL GROWTH

Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto according to thy word. —Ps. 119:9.

Thy word have I laid up in my heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
—Ps. 119:11.

The opening of thy words giveth light;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.
I opened wide my mouth, and panted;
For I longed for thy commandments. —Ps. 119:130, 131.

Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so. Many of them therefore believed.
—Acts 17:11, 12.

As newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation. I Peter 2:2.

And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

—Acts 20:32.

From a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

—II Tim. 3:15.

Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

—II Tim. 3:16, 17.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

—Josh. 1:8.

WINNING MEN
WHAT IS SALVATION?

"What must I do to be saved?"

Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved. —Acts 16:31.

Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. —I Tim. 1:15.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. —Gal. 3:13.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. —Isa. 53:6.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. —I John 4:10.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die. But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. —Rom. 5:7, 8.

Who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed. —I Peter 2:24.

But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name. —John 1:12.

For God SO loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. —John 3:16.

He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life. —John 3:36.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. —Rom. 10:9, 10.

CAN I OVERCOME FIXED HABITS OF SIN?

Come now, and let us reason together, said Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as

white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
—Isa. 1:18.

Him that cometh to me I will in NO WISE cast out. — John 6:37.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Rom. 8:38, 39.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them.
—Ezek. 36:26, 27.

For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was LOST.
—Luke 19:10.

Wherefore also he is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
—Heb. 7:25.

If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
—John 8:36.

Thy word have I laid up in my heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
—Ps. 119:11.

For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith. And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
—I John 5:4, 5.

And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
—II Cor. 12:9.

I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me.
—Phil. 4:13.

He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount

up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. —Isa. 40:29-31.

CAN CHRIST SAVE ME FROM MY SIN?

And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. —Matt. 1:21.

Wherefore also he is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. —Heb. 7:25.

All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. . . . Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. —Matt. 28:18, 20.

I find then the law, that, to me who would do good, evil is present. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see a different law in my members, warning against the law of my mind and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death? I thank God THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

—Rom. 7:21-25.

Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

—Isa. 41:10.

Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore. Amen.

—Jude 24, 25.

Who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

—I Peter 1:5.

MUST I GIVE UP MY EVERY SIN?

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

—Matt. 6:24.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and

lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

—Mark 8:36, 37 (Authorized Version).

He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck
Shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

—Prov. 29:1.

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all.

—James 2:10.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life.

—Gal. 6:7, 8.

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, trying him: Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment.

—Matt. 22:35-38.

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ.

—Rom. 2:16.

I say unto you, that every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. —Matt. 5:28.

WHY DO YOU THINK ME A SINNER?

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
—Isa. 53:6.

If thou, Jehovah, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand? —Ps. 130:3.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. —I John 1:8, 10.

For there is no distinction; for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God. —Rom. 3:22, 23.

And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. —Matt. 22:37, 38.

Have you put God first?

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. —John 3:3.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? —Heb. 2:3.

WILL SIN DESTROY?

For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Rom. 6:23.

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Every one that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin. —John 8:34.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness?

—II Peter 3:10, 11.

Cursed is every one who continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them.

—Gal. 3:10.

He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the **wrath of God abideth on him.**

—John 3:36.

But for the fearful, and **unbelieving**, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

—Rev. 21:8.

There is **no peace**, saith my God, to the wicked.

—Isa. 57:21.

He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been **judged already**, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

—John 3:18.

IS THE BIBLE TRUE?

"I stood one eve beside a blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring the vesper's chime;
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

" 'How many anvils have you had,'
said I,
'To wear and batter all the hammers so?'
'Just one,' he said; then said with twinkling eye,
'The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.'

"And so I thought the anvil of God's word
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,
And though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

For ever, O Jehovah,
Thy word is settled in heaven.
Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:
Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
—Ps. 119:89, 90.

No prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.
—II Peter 1:21.

Blessed are they that are perfect in the way,
Who walk in the law of Jehovah.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,
That seek him with the whole heart.
Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto according to thy word.
Thy word have I laid up in my heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
I am a sojourner in the earth:
Hide not thy commandments from me.
Thy testimonies also are my delight
And my counsellors.
I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings,
And shall not be put to shame.
And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
Which I have loved.
The law of thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.
—Ps. 119:1, 2, 9, 11, 19, 24, 46, 47, 72.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
—Matt. 24:35.

And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

And he said unto them, These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me. —Luke 24:27, 44.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
Wondrous things out of thy law.
—Ps. 119:18.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things.
—I Cor. 13:11.

For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known.
—I Cor. 13:12.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out!
—Rom. 11:33.

Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. —I Cor. 2:14.

Oh how love I thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.
Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe,
And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually.
Therefore I love thy commandments
Above gold, yea, above fine gold.
Thy testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
The opening of thy words giveth light;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.
I opened wide my mouth, and panted;
For I longed for thy commandments.
Thy word is very pure;
Therefore thy servant loveth it.
Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And thy law is truth.
Thy testimonies are righteous for ever:
Give me understanding, and I shall live.
The sum of thy word is truth;
And every one of thy righteous ordinances endureth for ever.
Great peace have they that love thy law;
And they have no occasion of stumbling. —Ps. 119:97, 117, 127, 129-131, 140, 142, 144, 160, 165.

IS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD?

For unto which of the angels said
he [God, the Father] at any time,
Thou art my Son,
This day have I begotten thee? and
again,
I will be to him a Father,
And he shall be to me a Son?

And when he again bringeth in the firstborn into the world he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.
And of the angels he saith,
Who maketh his angels winds,
And his ministers a flame of fire:
But of the Son he saith,
Thy throne, O God, is for ever and
ever. —Heb. 1:5-8.

Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. —Phil. 2:9-11.

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God: and whosoever loveth him that begat

loveth him also that is begotten of him. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

—I John 5:1, 5.

Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, even he that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that confesseth the Son hath the Father also.

—I John 2:22, 23.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and **without him was not anything made that hath been made.** In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

—John 1:1-4.

Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name.

—John 20:30, 31.

IS GOD'S LOVE UNIVERSAL?

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

—Gal. 3:13.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

—John 3:16.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. —Isa. 53:5, 6.

But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

—Rom. 5:8.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, these may forget, yet will not I forget thee.

—Isa. 49:15.

Who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.

—I Peter 2:24.

And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.

—Luke 22:44.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

—Matt. 11:28.

IF GOD LOVES ALL, WHY WILL HE CONDEMN?

He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

—John 3:36.

Those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, think ye that they were offenders above all the men that dwell in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

—Luke 13:4, 5.

As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn

from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

—Ezek. 33:11.

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his works.

—Rom. 2:4-6.

For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to hell, and committed them to pits of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah . . . a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, having made them an example unto those that should live ungodly. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the

unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgment.

—II Peter 2:4-6, 9.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness?

—II Peter 3:9-11.

But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

—Isa. 57:20, 21.

DOES NOT GOD SEEM HARSH AND UNJUST?

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so

are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

—Isa. 55:8, 9.

Moreover Jehovah answered Job, and said,

Shall he that cavilleth contend with the Almighty?

He that argueth with God, let him answer it.

—Job. 40:1, 2.

Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin: and ye have forgotten the exhortation which reasoneth with you as with sons,

My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord,
Nor faint when thou are reproved of him;
For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,
And scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

It is for chastening that ye endure; God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father chasteneth not? All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yielded peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, even the fruit of righteousness.

—Heb. 12:4-7, 11.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out!
—Rom. 11:33.

AFTER BELIEF, WHAT?

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. —Isa. 55:7.

Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. —Heb. 12:1, 2.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin. —I John 1:7.

He that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

—I John 3:8.

So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh: for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

—Rom. 8:12-14.

SHOULD I JOIN THE CHURCH?

With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

—Rom. 10:10.

Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

—Matt. 10:32, 33.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God.

—I John 4:15.

SHOULD I NOT WAIT UNTIL I AM BETTER?

(The prodigal came just as he was, in all his rags and wretchedness, and the father greeted him with a kiss.)

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and make merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.

—Luke 15:18-24.

They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. . . . I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

—Matt. 9:12, 13.

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get. But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

—Luke 18:10-14.

SUPPOSE I CANNOT HOLD OUT?

Who by the power of God are guarded through faith. —I Peter 1:5.

Unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy. —Jude 24.

Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God;

I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

—Isa. 41:10.

For I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day.

—II Tim. 1:12.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it.

—I Cor. 10:13.

I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.

—John 10:28.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE TRIED AND FAILED?

(Read Prodigal Son story)

And he said, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of thy substance that falleth to me. And he divided unto

them his living. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country; and there he wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that country; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. But when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I

am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and make merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

—Luke 15:11-24.

And he spake unto them this parable, saying, What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no repentance.

—Luke 15:3-7.

For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

—Luke 19:10.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
—Jer. 29:13.

For, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
—Rom. 10:13.

I'M TRYING—WHAT MORE CAN I DO?—TRY AND TRUST

For I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day.
—II Tim. 1:12.

Now unto him that is able to **guard you from stumbling**, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore. Amen.
—Jude 24, 25.

Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved. —Acts 16:31.

There is no distinction; for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God set forth

to be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood. —Rom. 3:22-25.

But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. —John 1:12, 13.

WHAT IF YOU CANNOT CONQUER YOUR DOUBTS?

(One of Christ's disciples was Thomas, the Doubter. He would not believe his Master had risen until he had thrust his finger into the nail prints, and his hand into his side. Tenderly Jesus gave him leave. Then Thomas cried, "My Lord and my God.")

Jesus saith unto him, Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. —John 20:29.

If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself. —John 7:17.

Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for

they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. —I Cor. 2:14.

For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. —John 3:17, 18.

And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. —John 3:19.

He that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. —John 3:21 (Authorized Version).

In the beginning was the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth

in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not.
—John 1:1-5.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.
—John 3:16.

HOW ABOUT RIDICULE AND PERSECUTION?

Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you.
—Matt. 5:10-12.

If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it. For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life? For

whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. —Mark 8:34-38.

Looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that hath endured such gainsaying of sinners against himself, that ye wax not weary, fainting in your souls.

—Heb. 12:2, 3.

Blessed is the man that walketh not
in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers:
But his delight is in the law of Jehovah;
And on his law doth he meditate day
and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by
the streams of water,
That bringeth forth its fruit in its
season,
Whose leaf also doth not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The wicked are not so,
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
—Ps. 1:1-4.

Ye adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God.
—James 4:4.

A friend loveth at all times;
And a brother is born for adversity.
But there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
—Prov. 17:17; 18:24.

HOW CAN I ANSWER THE SCOFFER?

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? . . . But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons

ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?

—II Peter 3:3, 4, 10, 11 (Authorized Version).

And with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

—II Thess. 2:10-12.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned.

—Mark 16:15, 16.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them.

—II Cor. 4:3, 4.

For the word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but

unto us who are saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And the discernment of the discerning will I bring to nought.

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe.

—I Cor. 1:18-21.

The fool hath said in his heart,
There is no God.
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works;
There is none that doeth good, no, not one. —Ps. 14:1, 3.

The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament showeth his handiwork.
Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge. —Ps. 19:1, 2.

WHAT IF I LOSE MY JOB?

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and

lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

—Mark 8 : 36, 37 (Authorized Version).

But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

—Matt. 6:30.

For Jehovah God is a sun and a shield:
Jehovah will give grace and glory;
No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

—Ps. 84:11.

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

—Rom. 8:32, 33.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he looked unto the recompense of reward.

—Heb. 11:24-26.

Howbeit what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ.

—Phil. 3:7, 8.

But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

—Matt. 6:33.

The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry. But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be?

—Luke 12:16-20.

Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. For the life is more than the food, and the body than the raiment. Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them: of how much more value are ye than the birds!

—Luke 12:22-24.

HOW ABOUT INCONSISTENT CHURCH MEMBERS?

As I live, saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow,
And every tongue shall confess to God.
So then each one of us shall give account of **himself** to God.

—Rom. 14:11, 12.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me cast out the mote out of thine eye; and lo, the beam is in thine own eye?

Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

—Matt. 7:1-5.

This is seldom a genuine excuse, and asking the question, "Have you ever known a consistent Christian?" or "Was your mother a true Christian?" will set them right.

IS IT NOT TOO LATE?

(Manasseh was a very wicked king who led the children of Israel into idolatry and all manner of sin. Then God brought him low in affliction, and the king of Assyria carried him away as prisoner. But how kind and forgiving God was to him!)

And when he was in distress, he besought Jehovah his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. And he prayed unto him; and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Jehovah he was God.

—II Chron. 33:12, 13.

Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

—John 6:37.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

—II Peter 3:9.

But from thence ye shall seek Jehovah thy God, and thou shalt find him, when thou searchest after him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, in the latter days thou shalt return to Jehovah thy God, and hearken unto his voice: for Jehovah thy God is a merciful God; he will not fail thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

—Deut. 4:29-31.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.

—Rev. 22:17.

WHY DECIDE NOW?

(Procrastination)

And Elijah came near unto all the people, and said, How long go ye limping between the two sides? if

Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.

—I Kings 18:21.

Come now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

—James 4:13, 14.

Be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

—Matt. 24:44.

(Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation.)

—II Cor. 6:2 (Authorized Version).

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry. But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be?

—Luke 12:19, 20.

He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck
Shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

—Prov. 29:1.

And while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast: and the door was shut. —Matt. 25:10.

Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. —Eccl. 12:1.

ONCE ACTIVE BUT NOW CARELESS

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. —I John 1:9.

My little children, these things write I unto you that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins. —I John 2:1, 2.

But when in their distress they turned unto Jehovah, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. —II Chron. 15:4.

Yet thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary

of me, O Israel. Thou hast not brought me of thy sheep for burnt-offerings; neither hast thou honored me with thy sacrifices. . . . Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices; but **thou hast burdened me with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.**

I, even I, am he that **blotteth out thy transgressions** for mine own sake; and I will not remember thy sins.

—Isa. 43:22-25.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end. And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

—Jer. 29:11-13.

I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens, for Jehovah hath done

it; shout, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein.

—Isa. 44:21-23.

I will arise and go to my father, . . . And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet **afar off**, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and **ran**, and **fell on his neck**, and **kissed him.** (About the finest texts in the Bible.)

—Luke 15:18, 20.

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways. —Prov. 14:14.

It came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God.

And Jehovah was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from Jehovah, the God of Israel, who had appeared unto him twice. Wherefore Jehovah said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee.

—I Kings 11:4, 9, 11.

Thus saith Jehovah, What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith Jehovah. For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and a bitter, that thou hast forsaken Jehovah thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts. —Jer. 2:5, 12, 13, 19.

THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER CONFESSED CHRIST PUBLICLY

Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

—Matt. 10:32, 33.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee,
And mine iniquity did I not hide:
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Jehovah;
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
—Ps. 32:5.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
—Rom. 10:9, 10.

As I live, saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow,
And every tongue shall confess to God.
So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.
—Rom. 14:11, 12.

Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. —Phil. 2:9-11.

THOSE LACKING ASSURANCE

If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself.

—John 7:17.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life.

—John 5:24.

For I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day.

—II Tim. 1:12.

He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne.

—Rev. 3:21.

Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

—Isa. 55:6, 7.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

—Rev. 3:20.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for Jehovah, even Jehovah, is my strength and song; and he is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

—Isa. 12:2, 3.

Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.

—John 8:12.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

—Rom. 1:16.

THOSE WHO CANNOT FORGIVE

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

—Matt. 6:14, 15.

But love your enemies, and do them good, and lend, never despairing; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be sons of the Most High: for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil.

—Luke 6:35.

And if ye love them that love you, what thank have ye? for even sinners love those that love them. And if ye do good to them that do good to you, what thank have ye? for even sinners do the same.

—Luke 6:32, 33.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law.

—Gal. 5:22, 23.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.

—Eph. 4:31, 32.

THE SELF-COMPLACENT CHURCH MEMBER

What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him?

—James 2:14.

They profess that they know God; but by their works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.
—Titus 1:16.

Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord: looking carefully lest there be any man that falleth short of the grace of God.
—Heb. 12:14, 15.

For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith. And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
—I John 5:4, 5.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
—John 3:3.

(This was said to a very religious man high up among the leaders of the church.)

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man;
But the end thereof are the ways of death.
—Prov. 14:12.

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get. But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

—Luke 18:11-14.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

—John 3:36 (Authorized Version).

TO THE WORLDLY-MINDED

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may spend it in your pleasures. . . . Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God.

—James 4:3, 4.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded. —James 4:8.

No man can serve two masters: . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon. —Matt. 6:24.

Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord. —Heb. 12:14.

For the time is come for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if it begin first at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? —I Peter 4:17.

And those by the way side are they that have heard; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they that have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to perfection. —Luke 8:12, 14.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept

the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.

—II Tim. 4:7, 8.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. —Rom. 12:1, 2.

THE TEMPTED

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man: each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the

sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death. —James 1:12-15.

Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world. And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you. —I Peter 5:8-10.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it.

—I Cor. 10:13.

And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness.

—II Cor. 12:9.

I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me. —Phil. 4:13.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? The everlasting God, Je-

hovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. —Isa. 40:28-31.

I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. —I John 2:14, 15.

FOR THOSE UNDER TRIAL OR TEST

"To stand with defeat behind us and to face Godward, knowing that every sin has left an impress on character that will need the vigilance of the awakened manhood to overcome, and yet to know that the soul never stands alone, that the power to over-

come is always within the grasp of the man who fights to win, gives victory."

Personal problems are an essential part of our life and education. We may long often to be delivered from the necessity of facing them, but face them we must, and it would be suicide for us to go out of life to escape them. The monk in his cell did not escape. To St. Anthony in his cave the lustful visions came. To be out in the world and busy with useful work is the best way to conquer in the testing experiences of life. It is the victory over weakness and evil that means character.

—Robert E. Speer.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,
And though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas;
Though the water thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains tremble with the swelling thereof.

—Ps. 46:1-3.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. —Ps. 23:4.

Jehovah is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
Jehovah is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion:
In the covert of his tabernacle will he hide me;
He will lift me up upon a rock.
—Ps. 27:1, 5.

The righteous cried, and Jehovah heard,
And delivered them out of all their troubles.
Jehovah is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart,
And saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous;
But Jehovah delivereth him out of them all.
He keepeth all his bones:
Not one of them is broken.
—Ps. 34:17-20.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

—I Cor. 2:9 (Authorized Version).

For consider him that hath endured such gainsaying of sinners against himself, that ye wax not weary, fainting in your souls. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. —Heb. 12:3, 4.

Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer: behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life. —Rev. 2:10.

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ: whom not having seen ye love; on whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

—I Peter 1:6-8.

FOR THE SORROWING

"God nothing does nor suffers to be done
But what thou would'st thyself—could'st thou but see
Through all events of things as well as he."

EMANCIPATION

Why be afraid of death as though your life were breath?
Death but anoints your eyes with clay.
O glad surprise.

Why should you be forlorn? Death only husks the corn.
Why should you fear to meet the Thresher of the wheat?

Is sleep a thing to dread? Yet sleeping you are dead
Till you awake and rise, here, or beyond the skies.
Why should it be a wrench to leave your wooden bench?
Why not with happy shout run home when school is out?

The dear ones left behind—O foolish one and blind,
A day, and you will meet—a night, and you will greet.

This is the death of Death, to breathe
away a breath
And know the end of strife, and
taste the deathless life,
And joy without a fear, and smile
without a tear,
And work, nor care to rest, and find
the last the best.

—Maltbie D. Babcock.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Rom. 8:37-39.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

—John 14:27.

Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a

place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

—John 14:1-3.

I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you. Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also.

—John 14:18, 19.

Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt understand hereafter.

—John 13:7.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. —Rev. 14:13.

And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more: and the

throne of God and of the Lamb shall bee therein: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be night mo more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

—Rev. 22:1-5.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. —Ps. 23:1-4 (Authorized Version).

"I cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with me no more.
Along the path of life I tread;
They have but gone before.

"The Father's house is mansioned fair
Beyond my vision dim;
All souls are his, and here or there
Are living unto him.

"And still their silent ministry
Within my heart hath place,
As when on earth they walked with me
And met me face to face.

"Their lives are made forever mine,
What they to me have been
Hath left henceforth its seal and sign
Engraven deep within.

"Mine are they by an ownership
Nor time nor death can free,
For God gives me to love and keep
Mine own eternally."

TEXTS FOR HEBREWS

He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face. . . .

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shear-

ers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

He poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

—Isa. 53:3-5, 7, 9, 12.

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.

—Zech. 12:10.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

—Dan. 9:26 (Authorized Version).

(Note that Daniel prophesied of a Messiah who should be killed to save others. Who but Jesus Christ fulfills this prophecy of one whom all Hebrews accept as a great prophet of God? Notice also that he speaks of the destruction of Jerusalem which followed soon after Christ's death.

(Note that these texts are all from the Old Testament prophets, which all Hebrews accept, and their words are fulfilled only in Jesus Christ. Notice also that practically all the prophets of the Old Testament foretell the time when the Jewish nation shall come back to Jerusalem, acknowledging Jesus as their Messiah, and shall be the foremost people on the earth, helping Christ at his Second Coming to win the world to him.)

TEXTS FOR ROMAN CATHOLICS

The just man liveth by faith.

—Rom. 1:17 (Douay Version).[1]

The just shall live by faith.

—Rom. 1:17 (Authorized Version).[2]

For God so loved the world as to give his only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in him, may not perish, but may have life everlasting.

—John 3:16 (Douay Version).

[1] Douay (Roman Catholic) Version.

[2] Authorized (Protestant) Version.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

—John 3:16 (Authorized Version).

Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name, under heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved.

—Acts 4:12 (Douay Version).

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

—Acts 4:12 (Authorized Version).

For which cause God also hath exalted him, and hath given him a name which is above all names; that in the name of Jesus, every knee should bow of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

—Phil. 2:9-11 (Douay Version).

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—Phil. 2:9-11 (Authorized Version).

According to the operation of the might of his power which he wrought in Christ, raising him up from the dead, and setting him on his right hand, in the heavenly places, above all principality, and power, and virtue and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in the world, but also in that which is to come.

—Eph. 1:19-21 (Douay Version).

According to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

—Eph. 1:19-21 (Authorized Version).

A faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners; of whom I am the chief.

—I Tim. 1:15 (Douay Version).

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ

Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

—I Tim. 1:15 (Authorized Version).

It behooveth therefore a bishop to be blameless, **the husband of one wife**, sober, prudent, of good behaviour, chaste, given to hospitality, a teacher. One that ruleth well his own house; **having his children in subjection**, with all chastity.

—I Tim. 3:2, 4 (Douay Version).

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity.

—I Tim. 3:2, 4 (Authorized Version).

Let deacons be the husbands of one wife; who rule well their children, and their own houses.

—I Tim. 3:12 (Douay Version).

Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

—I Tim. 3:12 (Authorized Version).

Now the Spirit manifestly saith, that in the last times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to

spirits of error, and doctrines of devils; **forbidding to marry, to abstain from meats,** which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving by the faithful, and by them that have known the truth.

—I Tim. 4:1, 3 (Douay Version).

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; . . . forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

—I Tim. 4:1, 3 (Authorized Version).

From thy infancy thou hast **known the holy scriptures, which can instruct thee to salvation,** by the faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture, inspired of God, is profitable to teach, to reprove, to correct, to instruct in justice.

—II Tim. 3:15, 16 (Douay Version).

From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspira-

tion of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

—II Tim. 3:15, 16 (Authorized Version).

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

—Heb. 2:3 (Douay Version).

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?

—Heb. 2:3 (Authorized Version).

Today if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

—Heb. 3:7, 8 (Douay Version).

To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

—Heb. 3:7, 8 (Authorized Version).

For this cause I left thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and shouldest ordain priests in every city, as I also appointed thee. If any be without crime, **the husband of one wife**, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly; for a bishop must be without crime as the steward of God.

—Titus 1:5-7 (Douay Version).

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had ap-

pointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God.

—Titus 1:5-7 (Authorized Version).

Denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, and justly, and godly in this world; looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity.

—Titus 2:12-14 (Authorized Version).

Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity.

—Titus 2:12-14 (Douay Version).

THE SOURCE OF POWER

(The Holy Spirit)

But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa and Sam-

aria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

—(Last words of Jesus.) Acts 1:8.

And when they lead you to judgment, and deliver you up, be not anxious beforehand what ye shall speak: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Spirit.

—Mark 13:11.

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

—Matt. 28:19.

I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire.

—Matt. 3:11.

Peace be unto you: as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit.

—John 20:21, 22.

But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all

things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you.

—John 14:26.

And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

—Acts 2:1-4.

This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses. Being therefore by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath poured forth this, which ye see and hear.

—Acts 2:32, 33.

Him did God exalt with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins. And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

—Acts 5:31, 32.

But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

—Acts 7:55, 56.

So the church . . . walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied.

—Acts 9:31.

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit. If then God gave unto them the like gift as **he did** also unto us, when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I could withstand God?

—Acts 11:15-17.

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

—Acts 13:52.

And God, who knoweth the heart, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as he did unto us; and he made no distinction between

us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

—Acts 15:8, 9.

The Holy Spirit testifieth unto me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But I hold not my life of any account as dear unto myself, so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

—Acts 20:23, 24.

Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood.

—Acts 20:28.

The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us.

—Rom. 5:5.

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

—Rom. 14:17.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

—Rom. 15:13.

Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words.

—I Cor. 2:13.

Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.

—I Cor. 6:19, 20.

In pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God.

—II Cor. 6:6, 7.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

—II Cor. 13:14.

But when the kindness of God our Saviour, and his love toward man, appeared, not by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing or regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

—Titus 3:4-6.

God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will.

—Heb. 2:4.

And the Holy Spirit also beareth witness to us; . . .

This is the covenant that I will make with them

After those days, saith the Lord:

I will put my laws on their heart,

And upon their mind also will I write them; . . .

And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

—Heb. 10:15-17.

Through them that preached the gospel unto you by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.

—I Peter 1:12.

For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

—II Peter 1:21.

And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three who bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three agree in one.

—I John 5:7, 8.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

—I John 5:7 (Authorized Version).

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

—Jude 20, 21.

SELECTIONS

LORD, TAKE AWAY PAIN!

(This little poem was found pinned on the wall of a Denver hospital. It is quite another philosophy from that which denies the reality of pain.)

The cry of man's anguish went up
unto God,
"Lord, take away pain!
The shadow that darkens the world
thou hast made;
The close-coiling chain
That strangles the heart; the burden
that weighs
On the wings that would soar—
Lord, take away pain from the world
thou hast made,
That it love thee the more!"

Then answered the Lord the cry of his world:
"Shall I take away pain;
And with it the power of the soul to endure,
Made strong by the strain?
Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,
And sacrifice high?

"Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire
White brows to the sky?
Shall I take away love, that redeems with price?
And smiles at its loss?
Can ye spare your lives that would climb unto mine
The Christ of his cross?"

—Colorado Churchman.

MEN

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands.
Men whom the lust of office does not kill,
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,
Men who possess opinions, and a will,
Men who have honor, men who will not lie,

Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking,
Pure men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking.

—J. G. Holland.

TOIL

But two ways are offered to our will;
Toil with rare triumph, ease with safe disgrace,
Nor dream that acts heroic wait on chance!
The man's whole life preludes the single deed
That shall decide if his inheritance
Be with the sifted few of matchless breed,
Or with the unmotived herd that only sleep and feed.

—Lowell.

POISE

This world is wide
In time and tide
And God is Guide,
Then do not hurry.

That man is blest
Who does his best
And leaves the rest,
Then do not worry.

—Dr. Deems.

KIND DEEDS

A rose to the living is more
Than sumptuous wreaths to the dead;
In filling love's infinite store.
A rose to the living is more,
If graciously given before
The hungering spirit is fled—
A rose to the living is more
Than sumptuous wreaths to the dead.

—Nixon Waterman.

EACH DAY

Father, I do not ask
That thou wilt choose some other task
And make it mine. I pray
But this: let every day
Be molded still
By thine own hand; my will
Be only thine however deep
I have to bend thy hand to keep.
Let me not simply do, but be content,
Sure that the little crosses each are sent,
And no mistake can ever be
With thine own hand to choose for me.

—British Weekly.

KEEP SWEET

"There's a little secret
Worth its weight in gold,
Easy to remember,
Easy to be told,
Changing into blessing
Every curse we meet,
Turning hell to heaven,
This is all, keep sweet."